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SUBJ: SEISMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORIES PROGRAM

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1. A SEISMIC TEAM CONSISTING OF MR. WILLIAM GREEN AND MR. JON PETERSON OF US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY'S OFFICE OF EARTHQUAKE STUDIES PROPOSES VISIT SEVERAL SEISMOLOGICAL OBSERVATORIES IN AFRICA IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARPA-SPONSORED SEISMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORIES (SRO) PROGRAM WHICH IS BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE USGS TO UPGRADE SELECTED STATIONS IN THE WORLD-WIDE STANDARDIZED SEISMOGRAPH (WWSS) NETWORK. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO SURVEY POTENTIAL SITES FOR THE SRO STATIONS AND DISCUSS THE PROGRAM WITH POTENTIAL HOST ORGANIZATIONS. SINCE GOK AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE SRO PROGRAM, THE TEAM PLANS TO VISIT NAIROBI FOR EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS AND TO SURVEY EXISTING SEISMIC FACILITIES.

2. USGS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ARRANGING MEETIN WITH PROFESSOR LOUPIKINE OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL. GREEN AND PETERSON WILL ARRIVE FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY ON BA 029 AND WILL DEPART TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY ON - 029. TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ARRANGING HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS AND ADVISE NAME OF EMBASSY CONTACT. KISSINGER

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